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O R 181447Z FEB 76 FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0029 INFO AMCONSUL LENINGARD USIA WASHDC

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: OEXC, UR

SUBJ: IREX GRANTEE KOMANDIROVKA STATUS

REF: LENINGRAD 0249

- 1. EMBASSY MUST TAKE EXCEPTION TO FACTUAL CONTENT AND TONE OF REFTEL WHICH CONVEYS STAROSTA'S RESPONSE TO IREX INQUIRY RE MOSCOW KOMANDIROVKI OF LENINGRAD-BASED JUNIOR SCHOLARS. CONTENT OF REFTEL WAS NOT CLEARED WITH EMB, HENCE INFO IS NOT FULLY UP TO DATE, MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS OVERLY HARSH IN EMBASSY'S VIEW.
- 2. BALZERS HAVE REPEAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO STAY IN MOSCOW STRAIGHT THROUGH UNTIL MARCH THIRTY. THEY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO LENINGRAD.
- 3. GOLUB'S SITUATION NOT YET DEFINITE. ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN TOLD EARLIER THAT HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO LENINGRAD FEBRUARY TWENTY-TWO, THERE NOW EXISTS SOME POSSIBILITY HE, TOO, CAN STAY ON HERE.
- 4. EMB HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE DELAYS IN GRANTING KOMANDIROVKA REQUESTS OF MOSSMAN, SMITH ET AL CITED PARA SIX REFTEL. MHE HAS PROMISED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KOMANDIROVKA NEEDS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOWING CPSU CONGRESS. IF DELAY SHOULD DEVELOP, IT WILL LIKELY BE RESULT OF ROUTINE INOTDEL LETHARGY. EMB PREPARED TO PUSH MHE HARD FOR QUICK ACTION AFTER CPSU CONGRESS.

5. A CPSU CONGRESS DOESN'T COME ALONG THAT OFTEN. WHEN IT DOES IT THROWS ENTIRE CITY OF MOSCOW INTO A TIZZY.
THE CONFUSION EXTENDS ALSO TO MHE AND TO MGU DORMS.
OTHER VISITORS OF ALL SORTS ARE ROUTINELY DENIED
PERMISSION TO VISIT MOSCOW DURING CONGRESS. EMB DOES NOT
FEEL THAT INCONVENIENCE TO GRANTEES IS SO SERIOUS AS TO
WARRANT PROTEST TO MHE AS SUGGESTED PARA FIVE REFTEL. TO
PROTEST SITUATION WHICH INCONVENIENCES WIDE RANGE OF SOVIET
CITIZENS AS WELL WOULD LIKELY NEGATIVELY AFFECT RELATIONS
WITH MHE, WHICH RECENTLY HAVE BEEN GENERALLY FRIENDLY AND
COOPERATIVE.

6. REQUEST CU/EE INFORM KASSOF/IREX RE EMBASSY'S VIEWS. STOESSEL

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